

On Call Inside the Blue

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National Night Out, Arlington! – A “Phenomenal Experience”



Town North neighbors unite in Stevens Park.



Overland Stage Estates celebrate in a big way!



Acting Chief Will Johnson shares a Police Trading card.



A party with a purpose for all ages!



Building relationships, celebrating success!

Across the city, neighbors united for a purpose: To celebrate the good work being done in neighborhoods to keep them safe from crime.

Organizers and participants called National Night Out 2012 a success. Arlington recorded more than 125 neighborhood activities.

Acting Police Chief Will Johnson described the night as a “phenomenal experience.”

“Throughout the City, the effort and energy from neighbors coming together were unmatched by years past,” he said. “It was amazing to see all the good work being done to reduce crime.”

From the north to the south, and many areas in between, people were out in their neighborhoods on Oct. 2, sharing information and meeting with police officers. City Manager Trey Yelverton and Arlington City Council members greeted neighbors gathered in parks, cul de sacs and on front lawns.

Representatives from the Fire Department, Code Enforcement, Library

Parks and many other City departments and social service agencies also had a visible presence in neighborhoods.

At the Salvation Army Life Center on Abram Street, police officers united with families and case workers. Director Martin Jackson said the night brings more “public awareness about personal safety.”

On the north side of the city, one Arlington apartment complex joined with two other properties to celebrate and talk about ways to keep crime down. To the west, neighborhoods dismantled by tornadoes earlier this spring had more reason for coming together. Overland Stage Estates celebrated rebuilding efforts while reconnecting with neighbors who are serving as Citizens on Patrol members and Community Watch Coordinators.

The APD Office of Communication turned up at many block parties across the city, tweeting out photos and neighborhood highlights.

See highlights on APD Facebook!

Thank you, Arlington, for making National Night Out a success!

On Call in the North District

Everyone Comes Together for the Communities Against Crime 5K Run

The 23rd Annual Communities Against Crime 5K Run brought people together for a good cause on Saturday, Sept. 8. This year's event was held at River Legacy Parks in the North District and continues to be an excellent way to raise funds for the programs and services that support abused and neglected children.

Child Protective Services and participating North Texas area Police Departments enjoyed beautiful, cool weather as we walked and sprinted along the park's winding nature trails.

Congratulations to Top Male Winner Sgt. Jimmy Salinas. A special thanks to all of the Arlington police officers who participated.

Melissa Thomas, a North District Community Watch Coordinator, also got involved. Following the race, she took home a fantastic prize.

Other participating police agencies included Bedford, Benbrook, Everman, Fort Worth, Grapevine, Hurst, North Richland Hills and the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office.

A special thanks to the Police Explorers and Citizens on Patrol who volunteered their time to serve and assist.



Child Protective Services investigates reports of abuse and neglect of children.

Learn more at:
www.dfps.state.tx.us



Each month in On Call, watch for more public safety highlights from the North District. Contact APD North District Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell at 817-459-5589 or Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call in the South District

Police Academy Classes Are in Session for Citizens and High School Students

The Citizens Police Academy and the High School Citizens Police Academy started their Fall 2012 session on September 10. Academy Class #52 holds the highest enrollment record in the history of the Arlington Police Department with 34 adult participants.

The High School academy class has enrolled 24 motivated Arlington students. The instructors are Officers Richard Morrison and Thomas McPhail.

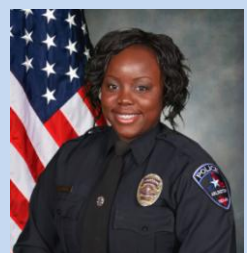
The opening night drew many CPA supporters, including Acting Chief Will Johnson, Assistant Chief James Hawthorne, Lt. Os Flores, Lt. Scott Brown and Sgt. Vincent Pewitt along with members from the CPA Alumni Association.

The first night of class was a look into our past – the History of Policing led by Lt. Brian Johnson. The next 11 weeks will be followed by many more invaluable lessons. Participants will get hands on training and learn crime prevention and police work from many experienced officers.

By the conclusion of this Academy session, participants will be knowledgeable and ready to join the Arlington Police Department as dedicated volunteers and active members of the Alumni Association. Two of our class participants, Linda Graves and Larry Bowman, are already hardworking members of our volunteer team. Congratulations to all of our Academy class participants!



If you are interested in learning more about the Citizens Police Academy, contact me. I am now accepting applications for the Spring 2013 Academy Class!



New crime prevention highlights every month from the South District! Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Jakisha Jones at 817-459-6468 or Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov for more information.

On Call in the East District

Charitable Basketball Game Benefits East Arlington Area Classrooms

The East District spotlight this month highlights the successful efforts of the Balling for Education Charity Basketball on Sept. 8. This event was organized by the African American Peace Officers Association of Arlington.

Under the leadership of Sgt. Jeffrey Fobbs, Jr., many great partnerships were made stronger on this day. In the Sam Houston High School gymnasium, the Arlington Police Department united with Fort Worth and Dallas police departments, the Arlington Fire Department, alumni from Fort Worth's Dunbar High School and K104 Radio to rally together in support our youth. This event also attracted some elected officials, including Mayor Dr. Robert Cluck and City Council member Robert Rivera. Interim Deputy City Manager Dr. Theron Bowman, Acting Police Chief Will Johnson and Fort Worth Police Chief Jeff Halstead were also in attendance.



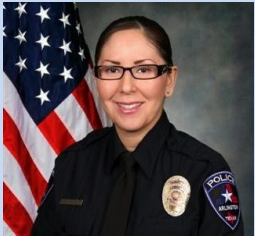
Acting Chief Will Johnson
and Mayor Cluck



Thank you for supporting our youth!

Arlington's Brick House Lounge, area referees and a disc jockey all donated their time and talent to ensure a successful event. A special thanks to the Arlington Independent School District and Sam Houston High School administrators, coaches and students for making this a great competition. All of the proceeds will benefit East Arlington area schools.

Every month, watch for a new Crime Prevention highlight from the East District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Faviola Delgado at 817-459-5817 or Faviola.Delgado@ArlingtonTx.gov.



On Call in the West District

Remove the Opportunity by Closing the Door on Garage Burglaries

The weather is finally cooling down and we're getting some much needed rainfall. With cooler weather upon us, families are spending more time outdoors. While enjoying outdoor activities, please remember to keep your garage doors closed. Garage burglaries are "crimes of opportunity" that we can easily prevent.

Think about what's inside of your garage: golf clubs, power tools, lawn equipment, bikes, and various other types of sporting goods. It takes a thief only a few seconds to grab a couple of these items from your garage when the door is left open. You can help protect your items by recording the serial numbers from all of the items stored in your garage. For items without a serial number, engrave your Texas driver's license number on the items and/or take an up-close detailed picture of each item. Store this information in a safe place. If you are ever victimized, this information will assist APD in the investigation and increase the chances of returning your stolen property.

What else can you do?

- Close the garage door every time you are not near it.
- Watch to make sure your garage door closes completely every time.
- Install a wireless keypad so that you can easily open and close your garage door.
- Keep valuable items inside the garage out of plain view.
- Cover windows in your garage with a dark tint or curtains.
- Keep the door leading into your home from the garage locked.
- When away from the home for an extended amount of time, unplug your garage door and lock the door from the inside.

Remember, remove the opportunity and protect the property that you have worked hard to acquire ... **"Close the door on Garage Burglaries!"**



New crime prevention information each month from the West District. For more information, contact West District Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov.

Monitoring, Identifying and Reporting Suspicious Activity Through the Eyes of a Skywatch Tower

By APD Citizen
Volunteer
Tammy Thomas

It is a known fact that crime can occur in a split second. Without preparedness or a visible deterrent, property can be stolen and you could become a victim left feeling violated, frightened or even helpless.

Realizing the impact that crime has on a community, the Arlington Police Department has unified its efforts to involve citizen volunteers in crime prevention efforts. The purpose is to promote public safety and discourage criminal activity.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, there were 29 enthusiastic volunteers who gathered for the Skywatch Tower Training Class. We were divided into three groups and each class was led by a Police Service Assistant under the supervision of Sgt. Curtis Petties from the APD Community Support Bureau.

Instructors provided great hands-on training. We learned basic tower operation, safety and how to monitor, identify and report activity that appears suspicious.



Every volunteer was given an opportunity to step into a tower, close and latch the door. From approximately 25 feet above the ground, we had a good overview of the area. The experience was great!

At the conclusion of our training, all questions were answered and curiosities were satisfied. Comprehension set in and many special bonds were created.

It was evident that the legitimate interaction between the community and the Arlington Police Department on this Saturday morning will serve to enhance the safety of our citizens, business partners and visitors.

Learn about other volunteer opportunities at www.ArlingtonPD.org.

Do you enjoy the volunteer contribution you make to the Arlington Police Department? If so, share your experience with our readers. Articles should be no longer than 250 words and include a photo. E-mail to PDOOC@Arlingtontx.gov. Your story could appear in a future issue of *On Call*.

Congratulations Volunteer of the Month! Martin Royal

Martin is a hard working Citizens On Patrol Mobile member and Community Watch Coordinator in the South District. His vision is to improve safety in neighborhoods and strengthen relationships between neighbors, businesses and the Arlington Police Department.

Thank you for your service!



Assistant Chief James Hawthorne and Martin Royal

What's Going On ...



Congratulations! East Arlington Renewal celebrates 30 years of service to the Arlington community on **Thursday, Oct. 4** at the East Police Service Center. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. with presentations and a State of the District Report from the Arlington Police Department

The Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership (ACAPP) presents **Community Conversations**. These forums are designed to allow open dialogue about safety and your community.

October dates and locations:

- **5:30 p.m. Oct. 10** - Mount Olive Baptist Church
- **7:30 p.m. Oct. 19** - Cornerstone Baptist Church
- **Time TBA Oct. 25** - Agape Christian Fellowship and Mission Christiana El Calvario

For more information, call 817-459-5589.

The Asian Arts Roll Festival is Saturday, Oct. 6, at 801 E. Mayfield Road.

The Arlington Police Department wants everyone to have a safe **Halloween on Wednesday, Oct. 31**. Motorists are reminded to slow down and be extra cautious. Watch for children and pedestrians in neighborhoods after dark.



Save the date. The Arlington Police and Fire will host a fundraiser for a canine monument on Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Animal Services Center. For more information, call 817-459-6269.

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